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1. TANU PARTY SWAHILI LANGUAGE DAILY UHURU MAY 29 CARRIES
ANOTHER EDITORIAL ON KIDNAPPING. TEXT AS FOLLOWS(EMBOFF
TRANSLATION).

2. QUOTE: BECAUSE IT VALUES THE HUMANITY OF EVERY HUMAN
BEING, TANZANIA RECEIVES POLITICAL REFUGEES FROM NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES. WHEN THESE REFUGEES ARE IN THIS COUNTRY THEIR LIVES
ARE PROTECTED BY ONE MAJOR RULE, THAT THEY WILL NOT DO ANYTHING
POLITICALLY AGAINST THE COUNTRIES FROM WHICH THEY HAVE FLED.
THIS PRINCIPLE OF TANZANIA'S IS KNOWN BY THE REFUGEES THEMSELVES
AS WELL AS BY THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THE REFUGEES MAY NOT
BE RETURNED TO THEIR COUNTRIES UNLESS THEY THEMSELVES WISH TO
DO SO.

SOME OF THE COUNTRIES FROM WHICH THESE REFUGEES COME

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ARE FRIENDLY AND OTHERS ARE NOT OUR FRIENDS. IT IS POSSIBLE

THAT SOME OF TH REFUGEES IN TANZANIA AGREE WITH OUR POLICIES AND THUS ARE OUR FRIENDS. OTHERS HAVE FLED TO TANZANIA ONLY TO SAVE THEIR LIVES.

BUT THE POLICY OF TANZANIA IS THE SAME FOR ALL THE GROUPS OF REFUGEES WHO ARE HERE. OUR AGREEING OR NOT AGREEING WITH THEM POLITICALLY IS NOT THE FOUNDATION OF THEIR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WHEN THEY ARE IN THIS COUNTRY. IN SUPPORT OF THE TANZANIAN STAND ON REFUGEES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED SOME OF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WHICH DEMANDED THAT THEIR POLITICAL REFUGEES BE RETURNED.

THERE ARE GOOD GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS BETWEEN TANZANIA AND ZAIRE. IN FORMER DAYS MANY REFUGEES FROM THIS COUNTRY FLED TO TANZANIA TO SAVE THEIR LIVES. WHEN ZAIRE DEMANDED THE RETURN OF THESE REFUGEES THE GOVERNMENT REFUSED, ALTHOUGH IN RECENT YEARS SOME OF THESE REFUGEES HAVE LEFT OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL TO RETURN HOME. THE REFUGEES WHO DO NOT YET WANT TO RETURN TO ZAIRE ARE STILL IN TANZANIA.

AT THE MOMENT SOMETHING WHICH WE FIND A BIT SURPRISING IS THAT A GROUP OF PEOPLE IN THAT COUNTRY, A GROUP WHICH CLAIMS THAT SOME OF THE REFUGEES WHO ARE HERE ARE ITS FOLLOWERS, WANTS TO QUARREL WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA TO MAKE IT PUT ASIDE ITS RULES ON BANDITRY.

WE ARE ASTONISHED BECAUSE, AS A RESULT OF THE PRESENT STATE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, ANY POLITICAL GROUP IN ANY NEIGHBORING COUNTRY WHICH CLAIMS TO FOLLOW A REVOLUTIONARY POLICY CANNOT WANT TO QUARREL WITH TANZANIA. UNQUOTE

3. FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN SAME ISSUE, UNDER HEADLINE "AMERICA IS BEING HELPED TO SAVE CAPTIVES - AMBASSADOR", READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TANZANIA HAS RECEIVED PROMISE FROM "VARIOUS NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES" WHICH ARE READY TO HELP AMERICAN "UNDER WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES" IN THE EFFORT TO PRESERVE THE LIVES OF THE THREE WHITE STUDENTS WHO ARE STILL IN THE HANDS OF BANDITS IN ZAIRE.

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TALKING WITH NEWSMEN IN DAR ES SALAAM YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN THIS COUNTRY, MR. BEVERLY CARTER JR., COULD NOT NAME THESE COUNTRIES OR THEIR NUMBER.

HE SAID THAT AT THE MOMENT HIS EMBASSY IS SEEKING ANY MEANS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE BANDITS AND THAT "THERE IS A GREAT POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS."

HE SAID THAT HIS OFFICE IS NOW SEEKING THE POSSIBILITY OF
SENDING "SOMEBODY OR AN INTERMEDIARY GROUP" WHICH WILL BE
SENT AS A GO-BETWEEN, BETWEEN HIS EMBASSY AND THE BANDITS, IN
THE EFFORT TO LIBERATE THE THREE STUDENTS.

"WE ARE MAKING VARIOUS PLANS NOW WHICH WE HOPE WILL
SUCCEED AND IF THEY DONOT SUCCEED, WE WILL NOT GROW WEARY OR
ESITATE IN SEEKING OTHER WAYS," HE PROMISED.

ASKED IF AMERICAN WAS READY TO PAY THE MONEY DEMANDED
BY THE BANDITS OR TO GIVE THE WEAPONS WHICH WERE AMONG THE DEMANDS
OF THESE KIDNAPPERS, THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED IN SHORT THAT "IT IS
NOT CUSTOMARY FOR AMERICAN TO GIVE IN TO THE ORDERS OF KIDNAPPERS
AND THIS IS A PERMANENT POLICY".

ASKED WHY HIS COUNTRY DID NOT ENCOURAGE ZAIRE TO TAKE
STEPS TO TRY TO SAVE THESE STUDENTS INSTEAD OF RELYING ON TANZANIA,
MR. CARTER SAID THAT UP TO NOW HE HAD NOT RECEIVED NEWS ABOUT
ANYTHING BEING DONE IN ZAIRE, AND THAT THAT JOB IS "IN THE HANDS
OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN ZAIRE."

HE REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER HE HAD HAD THE OPORTUNITY TO
COMMUNICAT EVEN BY TELEGRAPH WITH HIS FELLOW AMBASSADOR IN ZAIRE.
"THERE IS NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT THE QUESTION OF ZAIRE AND EVEN IF
THERE WERE IT IS NOT MY RESPONSIBILITY TO SAY IT BUT RATHER THAT
OF OUR AMBASSADOR IN ZAIRE."

IN THIS PRESS CONFERENCE THERE WERE THE PARENTS OF THE
THREE STUDENTS WHO ARE STILL IN THS HANDS OF THE BANDITS SOMEWHERE
IN ZAIRE. THESE PARENTS ARRIVED YESTERDAY BY AIRPLANE FROM AMERICA.
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